

Public Law 82-411 and authorization continue today under Public Law 99-117.

Recognizing the historical significance of Kalaupapa, a National Historical Park was established under the National Park Service to preserve the legacy of Kalaupapa and the many individuals who lived out their lives in this remote settlement. Legislation establishing the park specifically states that the remaining patients would have the option of living at Kalaupapa for the rest of their lives.

The average patient age at Kalaupapa is 70 years. Though once forced to live in this remote location away from their families, away from civilization, today those at Kalaupapa chose to remain there. It is the only home they've ever known and prefer the life they had led in this remote settlement. They are elderly, many disabled and uncomfortable with outsiders or living in the outside world. It would be difficult and in some cases impossible for them to adjust to life away from Kalaupapa.

What the committee suggests in moving these patients from Kalaupapa is forcing them to leave this home. This is unthinkable and contrary to the promises made to them by the Federal Government. I hope this idea will be rejected.

#### THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION COMES TO ST. PAUL, MN

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 1996*

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of the Smithsonian Institution and to recognize my home city of St. Paul, MN, which has the honor of hosting the America's Smithsonian Tour this fall.

The Smithsonian Institution's collection is the ultimate expression of the history, culture, creativity and abilities of America's and the world's people. The Smithsonian was founded in 1846 for the "increase and diffusion of knowledge," and the Smithsonian continues to achieve success in striving toward that great goal, educating America through its sixteen museums and galleries, the National Zoological Park and significant, innovative role in facilities within the United States and abroad. The items restored, cared for and housed by the Smithsonian are important for science and research. These items have often become treasures that have not only contributed to America's knowledge base, but are parts of our cultural and artistic legacy. They have helped shape and define the history of our Nation and the world. America should be justly proud of the Smithsonian's collection and the hard work and dedication of its staff in bringing these treasures to our city.

America's Smithsonian is a special collection of over 300 items acquired from sixteen Smithsonian Museums in Washington, DC. The tour is currently crossing the Nation so that people in all corners of the country can experience a sample of the Smithsonian's legacy. The St. Paul Civic Center is the fifth stop on America's Smithsonian Tour, hosting this magnificent experience as a monthlong exhibit beginning in mid-October.

More than a celebration of the Smithsonian's 150 year existence, America's

Smithsonian symbolizes America's accomplishments and fuels the fire of hope and optimism that drives our Nation even today to achieve even higher aspirations. The dynamic Smithsonian collection continues to grow, preserving the essence of America as an embroidery on the tapestry of the American heritage for future generations.

Touring America's Smithsonian is a unique opportunity to view some of the most significant pieces of America's past. I hope that every Minnesotan has the opportunity to see the exhibit during the tour's monthlong visit, and I join the entire St. Paul community in welcoming the Smithsonian Institution to Minnesota.

#### THE POWER OF LOVE

HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 1996*

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, a constituent of mine, Mr. John F. Flood, brought to my attention a copy of Msgr. E. Carl Lyon's homily in celebration of his 50th anniversary as a Catholic priest. The homily entitled, "The Power of Love," is fitting and I would ask that the Members of this body take the opportunity to read Monsignor Lyon's message:

#### THE POWER OF LOVE

(Monsignor Lyon's Homily)

The discovery of fire thousands of years ago, is said to have saved the human race from extinction. Today, it is not the absence of fire, but the absence of love, that could bring about the extinction of the human race. This prediction is made despite what men and women have said about love.

Love has been referred to as "The religion of humanity!" I once listened to a priest talk for two hours on this one quotation: "Love cannot endure indifference. It needs to be wanted."

And of course there's the beautiful quotation of St. John of the Cross: "When the evening of life comes, we shall be judged on love."

Environmental problems, nuclear capability, human inability, and the willingness to love one another are threatening the survival of our planet. Unless we rediscover love and harness its energies to God's plan, we may not make it through another century. It is feared that the human race will destroy the human race through hatred.

But this need not be. In the place of hatred, there stands always love. Love is the most universal, the most tremendous, the most mysterious, the most persuasive force in the world.

Because of these attributes, Jesus invites us to nothing more and nothing less, than a fundamental orientation of our life, of our love toward God. Jesus expects our total surrender to Him.

Love is so divine that we can say not only that God is love, but that love is God. As followers of Christ, we believe that love is action. We believe that love is the strongest force in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death. We believe that as great as faith and hope are, love is still greater. We believe that faith without love is cold; hope without love is grim.

As imitators of Christ, we forget what we have done for other people and remember what others have done for us; we ignore what the world owes us and think of what we owe the world.

We put our rights in the background and our duties in the foreground; we see that every human being, regardless of creed, race or nationality, is just as real as we are, just as prone to mistakes as we are, just as nice as we are.

To love we are willing: to consider the needs and desires of children; to remember the weaknesses and loneliness of people growing old; to stop asking how much our friends love us and ask ourselves whether we love them as Christ would have us love.

We believe that love knows no limitations and stops at no boundaries; that it is the only cure for racism, the only solution to poverty, the only means to peace. Love knows not anger, nor revenge, nor wrath, nor jealousy.

We believe that love accepts everyone, embraces everyone, and that it is the only bond that can attach people to people and people to God. Love is the companion of compassion, reconciliation, forgiveness and contrition.

What is real Christian love? It is more than a feeling of affection for others, more than benevolence. It has substance, strength, action and sacrifice. Christian love is action—something we do.

I would not want this day to go by without mentioning the wonderful people who are not of our faith—who have done so much for the good of our parish. There are too many to name, but I am grateful to each of them.

The priesthood has been a joy for me and the joy has been made possible because of you wonderful people. As a matter of fact your friendship has given me a glimpse of the eternal.

We have gathered to celebrate the divine fact that God is in love with us.

As we resume our journey—

Don't walk in front of me,

I may not follow.

Don't walk behind me,

I may not lead.

Walk beside me

and be my friend.

#### "SWING LOW"

HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 1996*

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, the following commentary written by Liz Brown recently appeared in the St. Louis American. It expresses some timely thoughts on the subject of affirmative action and Clarence Thomas' mis-handling of the issue. I commend Ms. Brown's commentary to our colleagues as evidence of the black community's unwavering support for affirmative action and their irritation with Thomas' position on the issue.

#### SWING LOW

It's true confession time. I haven't been to church in a while—a good while. I've been busy. But God uses a number of different methods to herd his flock back into the fold. Sometimes it's a gentle nudge, sometimes it's a firm shove and sometimes it's a solid kick in the behind.

Well, I got a kick this week and I am going tomorrow as soon as the doors open up. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, the Accidental Jurist, has announced that God told him to vote against Affirmative action. That's right, Jesus came down from the mountain top and whispered into his ear, "Clarence, if you type one word in your word processor in one opinion against whites, you are breaking God's Law". This God that